



**HOUSE  
DEMOCRATS**

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you're having trouble paying rent and these apply to your situation...

- You have used your **"best effort"** to obtain government rental assistance
- You meet the **income requirement**:
  - You **expect to make less than \$99,000 individually (or less than \$198,000 as a household)** during 2020
  - You were **not** required to file taxes in 2019; **OR**
  - You received a \$1,200 direct **"stimulus check"** this year
- You are **unable to pay your full rent** due to a loss of household income caused by a layoff or reduced hours, or very high out-of-pocket medical expenses
- You are making your "best effort" to **make partial payments** that are as close to full rental amount as possible **AND**
- You will become **homeless or be forced to "double up" with another family** if you are evicted

## YOU QUALIFY FOR PROTECTION FROM EVICTION!

A recent government order prohibits landlords from evicting tenants experiencing financial hardship. To receive protection from eviction:

- Simply **print** and **fill** out this declaration ([English](#) and [Spanish](#)). **Every adult** in household **must** complete a form.
- **Return** completed form to your landlord before December 31, 2020. **Confirm and document** your landlord's receipt of your completed declaration.

**If you think your landlord is violating this order or you have additional questions, reach out to a [HUD-approved housing counselor](#) or your local [Legal Aid office](#).**

*\*Please note: During the order, **you will continue to owe any unpaid rent**, including any back-rent that has accrued, and you may be required to pay all past due amounts **immediately and in a lump sum** once the order expires on January 1, 2021. **You may still be charged fees, penalties, and interest** by your landlord for failing to pay rent. *Submission of the above declaration does not grant tenants rent relief or exemption from relevant state and local restrictions. Lying on your declaration can lead to criminal penalties, including fines or jail time. **Please visit the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) for specific information on tenant rights where you live.****